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1. DEPT AGREES WITH PARA TWO OF REF A. ARGUMENT ADVANCED BY EXTAFF THAT AID CUT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO US AS WELL AS CANADA HAS NO FOUNDATION IN FACT. FURTHER, SUGGESTION THAT CUT IN AID COULD HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON TRADE IS SEEN AS QUESTIONABLE. ON THAT SUBJECT, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IF SOVIETS PURCHASES MADE ON CUBA'S BEHALF ARE LEFT ASIDE, CANADIAN EXPORTS TO CUBA ARE ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS
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THAN TWICE THE LEVEL OF IMPORTS, NOT 4 TO 1 AS INDICATED BY EXTAFF.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM EXTAFF THAT US DOES NOT AGREE THAT GOC AID CUT WOULD BE IN ANY WAY DETRIMENTAL TO US. WE QUESTION WHETHER IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL EVEN TO CANADA'S OWN IMMEDIATE INTEREST -- BUT THAT, OF COURSE, IS MATTER

FOR CANADIANS TO DECIDE. FURTHER, AT TIME WHEN WE ARE
EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER GROWING CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTIONS
IN AFRICA, AND EUROPEAN ALLIES SUCH AS DUTCH AND NEUTRALS
SUCH AS SWEDES ARE DEBATING CUTS OR ABOLISHMENT OF
THEIR OWN AID PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THESE INTERVENTIONS,

CONTINUED GOC AID PROGRAM WOULD BE DISTINCTLY UNHELPFUL
TO GENERAL EFFORT. WE WOULD HOPE CANADIANS WILL CANCEL
OR AT LEAST SHARPLY CURTAIL THEIR AID TO CUBA.

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